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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware, I see Senator Fowler, Senator Fowler, Senator Fowler, are you aware of what I am talking about that the fiscal analyst's staff of the Legislature knew about this problem? He is not aware. I was trying to get an answer. Before I vote to do this I want to find out if that is the case because if it is, I would like to know why this....Mr. Peters is the one I believe I read is being quoted as saying that his department brought it to the attention of the Legislature's staff, and long enough ago for something to have been done about it while we were going through all of this torturous debate and nothing was done. So if it is the opinion of the legislative's fiscal staff that the bill will do what we want it to do, I want to know. If it is not their opinion, I want to know why they didn't bring it to the attention of the committee.

SENATOR KEYES: You want an answer?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Chambers, as I understand Emory Burnett said that it was all right as he had it written. Now I understand that someone, but I don't know who it is, maybe it is fiscal staff, says that it doesn't do what we intended it to do and, you see, all I want to do is make certain that when the first day of January rolls around when the people get their food tax credit it is twenty dollars instead of sixteen. That is the intentions of the Legislature, and if it takes an amendment to this bill to do that, that is what I want.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Keyes, you know when we were before your committee we found great difficulty in pinning down very concrete statistics that could stand an attack either way. But, would you say that what we could rather would indicate that \$24 was closer to the figure that should be returned to give the full amount back or the \$20?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Chambers, I supported the \$24 and I supported removing the food tax, tax from food. \$20 is much better than \$16 and I hope that we can get the \$16. I am on your side on that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You mean the \$24.

SENATOR KEYES: I'll go for 100% of whatever it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, if you do what Senator Maresh is asking you to do, I'll be honest with you. Since this is a new bill that we are dealing with, I'm going to try to set the amount at \$24. Now, they have rammed through 33 for the educationists. They are going to run 518 through for the businessmen and the farmers and 131 is just a thought that they throw in the face of the public to make the public feel that nothing bad has been done and that this is a break on the runaway taxing machine, the irresponsible spending of this Legislature. I'm quoting somebody when I use words like that. But, I'm not going to get involved deeper at this point than I am right now. But, I want to tell you